

## **Section 5.3**

### **OVERWEIGHT LOADS**

#### **5.3.1 Purpose**

Provide uniform standards for overweight loads in construction zones.

#### **5.3.2 Authority**

Sections 344.044(2), 316.535(6), Florida Statutes

Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction

#### **5.3.3 Overweight Loads**

Any hauling unit or equipment loaded in excess of the maximum weights set out in the Florida Uniform Control Law, or lower weights which may be established by the Department or local authorities, shall not be operated on any road or street. Exceptions may be provided by special permit issued by the governmental unit having jurisdiction inside and outside the contract limits as long as these roads and bridges are open for public use. Roads and bridges which are to be demolished may be overloaded after they are permanently closed to the public. All liability for loss or damages shall be the responsibility of the contractor.

#### **5.3.4 Permits for Crossings**

The contractor shall be required to request a permit for crossing of an existing facility by overloaded or oversized equipment. A maintenance of traffic plan shall be required in the contractor's permit request for each particular crossing. Protection of the existing pavement for each crossing by means of fill or wood planks may be required and should be considered in the contractor's permit request.

- 1 The contractor will be required to provide sufficient maintenance of traffic provisions such  
2 as flagmen or signals to assure the safety of existing traffic of each crossing. Any damage  
3 to the existing road or adjacent property resulting from such crossing shall be repaired  
4 immediately by the contractor at his own expense.
- 5 Attention should also be given to **Sections 7-7.2** through **7-7.5** of the **Standard**  
6 **Specifications**.
- 7 If there are any questions on oversize loads or overweight loads, please contact the State  
8 Maintenance Office, Permits Section, at (850)488-4961.